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News Release

MAN INITIALLY ARRESTED ON DRUG CHARGES INDICTED FOR REENTERING THE UNITED STATES AFTER BEING DEPORTED

Concord, New Hampshire—United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Matthew J. Etre, Acting Special Agent-in-Charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement reports that a federal Grand Jury has indicted 59 year-old Martinho Tereso for reentering the United States after having been previously deported. Tereso was born in Portugal but is a citizen of Canada whose last known address was 7421 Boulsaiani Lauren 213, Montreal, Canada.

The indictment alleges that Tereso was deported from the United States on April 19, 1996. It also alleges that on or about October 20, 2005, he was found in New Hampshire. On that date he was one of three individuals who were arrested by the New Hampshire State Police during a traffic stop of two vehicles southbound on Interstate 89 in New London, NH. During that stop, approximately 186 pounds of marijuana was discovered and seized.

If convicted, Tereso faces a maximum prison term of 20 years and a fine of \$250,000 on these new charges. Tereso, who is currently in federal custody, has not yet been arraigned on these charges and no trial date has been set.

This case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) of the Department of Homeland Security (formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Service) and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Arnold H. Huftalen.

An indictment is only an allegation and not proof of criminal conduct. As in all criminal cases, the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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